

LOCAL NEWS.

DODGE CITY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 31.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

There is a warm contest over the nomination for Governor. On the first ballot the vote stood: Martin 119, Anthony 113, St. John 56. No nomination was reached up to midnight Thursday; but St. John was gaining with some show of securing the nomination.

LATER—John P. St. John was nominated on the 18th ballot.

POST OFFICE HOURS.

From 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Money Orders issued from 9 A. M. to 7 P. M. Sundays excepted. H. J. FRINGER, P. M.

WANTED.

A woman to cook, wash and iron. Apply to the Post Surgeon, Fort Dodge.

HATS—Go and see the new stock of gentlemen's hats at Connor's.

Wichita subscribed \$400 for the Southwestern.

Now is your time to buy goods cheap at M. Coliar's. All summer goods will be sold at cost to make room for fall stock.

Rev. O. W. Wright will preach at Cimarron, Sunday, September 1st.

Hats! Hats!! Hats!!!

James C. Connor has just received the noblest lot of hats ever brought to town. The latest styles out. Call and see them.

A new lot of cook stoves just received and will be sold at hard time prices, at M. Coliar's.

Hon. Thomas Ryan, M. C., left for Washington Monday last. He will return about the middle of the month.

A road has been laid out from Spearville to Hodgman Center, and a petition for a mail route presented.

Buggy tops, adjusted to any kind of buggy or carriage at M. Coliar's. Price only \$10.00.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Prairie Grove Cemetery held in Dodge City, Kansas, on the 25th day of August, 1878, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter single graves in the Prairie Grove Cemetery will be sold at \$5 each, and family burying lots, 20x20 feet, at \$25 each. P. L. BEATTY, Sec'y. C. M. N. 164

CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER.

Parties wishing clothing made to order at very low figures can be accommodated by leaving their orders at York, Haddler & Draper's, who have formed connection for this purpose with a first-class St. Louis tailoring establishment. They have a large variety of samples to select from.

Nichols & Culbertson's bull train arrived from the south Wednesday. All quiet along the line.

The Kinsley Leader and Larned Herald publish the names of petitioners for drain shop license.

Judge Samuel L. Sawyer is an independent candidate for Congress in the Eighth Missouri District. He will Crisp the other candidate.

The wind that preceded the storm Tuesday overturned a few out houses, and displaced the new building on Pleasant View Ridge six feet from its pins.

Stephen A. Cobb, a prominent Kansan, died at his home in Wyandotte, Monday last. He was one of the early settlers of Kansas. In 1852 he was elected to Congress. He has held many important offices. His demise causes universal regret.

A man is in nice pickle when he loses his hat. A tramp belonging to the shabby gentility, after awakening from a street slumber, found his hat missing. He came to our office in a state of bewilderment and asked for an old hat. We didn't have any.

A stranger seeing a large load of melons thought they were shipped here, because the prices were good. Oh, no; we raise them here, and the prices, too. He said he could buy a wagon load for a dollar in Larned. It pays to raise garden truck in this vicinity.

A skunk was killed the other day. The effluvia arising from the fetid liquor had become extremely offensive to the denizens on Military Avenue. The nasty crows between a weasel and an otter was dispatched to eternity with broomsticks—and the chivalrous ladies on the avenue did it.

County Attorney Sutton, Sheriff Masterman, City Marshal Bassett and W. N. Murphy, of the Globe, all of Dodge City, called at the News office Friday last. We made the acquaintance of the gentlemen at Wichita, and found them good boys. If all Judge Peters' friends had worked as hard as the Ford county boys he would have been nominated.—Newton News.

"PARTING WORDS."

In retiring from the TIMES I would consider it ungrateful did I not express my thanks to the many good people of Ford county who have, since the paper was started, stood by it, and gave it their support and patronage. During its career of two years and a half the TIMES has been a prosperous newspaper, and paid its proprietors well. There seems to have been a demand for just such a paper.

I feel a deep interest in the TIMES and wish it every success in the future, which I believe it will merit under its present able management.

In severing my connection with the TIMES I only bid its readers farewell as one of its editors, and that in other relations hope I may always enjoy their confidence and respect in the future as in the past.

LYNN SHINN.

OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

In acknowledging the receipt of the agricultural products which are intended for exhibition, mentioned elsewhere, Col. A. S. Johnson, Land Commissioner, writes to Morris Coliar as follows:

"They are creditable to your county, and I will take pleasure in giving them all possible prominence. Each contribution will receive due credit, as well as the county. Anything more you may have to send will be appreciated and used to your advantage."

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

The Democrats of Ford county held a meeting Wednesday. The following named gentlemen were selected as delegates to the State convention to be held in Leavenworth, Sept. 2d:

G. M. Hoover and H. E. Gryden, delegates; T. L. McCarty and W. N. Morphy, alternates.

The following county central committee was appointed: G. M. Hoover, Chairman, H. E. Gryden, D. E. Baldwin, Henry Tassett, J. H. Crawford, James Muffy, W. N. Morphy, Dr. Galland, James Manion, Dr. A. H. Harris.

A MISSING SON.

Mrs. Mary E. Hill, of Fayetteville, Tennessee, writes to Postmaster Fringer for information concerning her son, Robert T. Hill, who left home some months ago, since which time no tidings have reached his mother. She writes an earnest and motherly appeal for information concerning her son. She thinks that her son belonged to a wagon train that left Dodge City, and that "Bob" was a good boy when he went west. We hope the distress of the widowed mother will be relieved by the return of the prodigal. Who knows anything of the long lost boy.

A GOAT RANCH.

A number of cattle men and citizens of Dodge City have subscribed stock for the establishment of a Goat ranch in the Pan Handle. 500 shares of stock at \$100 each have been subscribed, and an organization effected, known as the "Southwestern Goat Company." The propagation of goats will be an important factor in our domestic enterprises, and will prove a valuable auxiliary in domesticating the wild character of the plains—as goats are known to be the pets of civilization. The projects of the enterprise go on at it with the true spirit of business men. Goats are valuable for many purposes—the milk of a goat is good for children teething. Fine cheese is also manufactured from goat's milk. Goats are disinfectants. Goat meat is good. Give us a goat. A goat, as he understands his business.

STARVING HIMSELF TO DEATH.

John O'Hara, confined in the Ford county jail, charged with the murder of H. T. McCarty, has eaten nothing since Sunday morning last. The dejected prisoner told Deputy Sheriff Duffy that he intended starving himself to death. Duffy found a case knife, a wire book and a file in the prison cell. A saw is supposed to be concealed there, which the officer failed to find. If the prisoner succeeds in his determination to starve himself he will avoid the unpleasant experience of a murder trial. It is evident that he had designs of escape, but which have been thwarted by the vigilance of the officers. We cannot say how long a man can live without eating, but presume by this time O'Hara realizes the slender thread that binds him to the mortal world.

"THEY COME FOR TO SEE."

Capt. H. C. McCullough and Austin Elliott, of Warrensburg, Missouri, dropped in upon us Tuesday last. They had heard so much of Kansas that they came to see for themselves and be convinced of the strange things said about this wonderful country. We showed them all the sights and told them some things that are not written; for we knew they would believe us. But after all, they saw and heard enough to be convinced that Paradise is not far off. The skepticism is removed from a man's eyes after he has beheld the wonders that have taken place in Kansas in a few years. Parties who desire removing to Kansas, should take the trouble and small expense of coming and seeing for themselves, and going home satisfied—that the next place they want to go to is heaven. It is well to state that our old friends go home infatuated, and with the desire to return and permanently locate. Wish hundreds more like them would come.

JOB PRINTING.

The TIMES Office is prepared to execute Job Printing in fine style and at reasonable prices. Give us a call.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

The shipping business is opening more briskly. 47 cars of cattle and 4 cars of sheep were shipped east during the beginning of the week. We suppose this line of business will become lively after this date.

THE CINCINNATI COLONY.

The Cincinnati colony in the southwestern part of Ford county is receiving accessions to its numbers. Thursday two passenger coaches loaded with immigrants from Cincinnati, arrived at Spearville. They are Roman Catholic Germans.

ODD FELLOWS' LECTURE.

The Odd Fellows of Dodge City contemplate giving a lecture entertainment. At a meeting of the lodge a committee was appointed to invite Noble L. Prentiss to deliver a lecture. We presume the lecture will be announced shortly.

CAPTURED INDIANS.

Two hundred Cheyenne Indians, in charge of Ben. Clarke, government scout, with a company of cavalry, are en route to this point. The gentle savages were captured in Dakota, being intercepted in their march to join Sitting Bull.

TOWN LOTS.

Real estate is advancing in Dodge City. This is an evidence of prosperity, we take pleasure in recording. Samuel Marshall sold two lots, 100x117 feet, to James Langton for the sum of \$150. The lots are situated north of the Union church.

EXCURSION TRAINS.

We understand the railroad company will, this fall, extend their excursion trains to Cimarron. This will be of immense advantage to Dodge City, as hundreds of strangers will visit the city from every train, which will be run weekly. The extension to Cimarron is an advantage, as it does not leave Dodge the "jumping off" place.

GOING TO LAWRENCE.

The following named citizens of Dodge City intend visiting Lawrence during the meeting of the grand temperance convocation: M. Coliar, R. G. Cook, J. Coliar, Fred. Leonard, Geo. Horder. The delegates and alternates to the Democratic convention will take in the pumpkin show on their way to Leavenworth.

RAIN.

There was a pleasant rain Tuesday, commencing at 5 o'clock and continuing about an hour. It poured rain, and was followed about dark with another rain, which was kept up during the night. 2.31-100 inches of rain fell.

These rains will start the grangers, and we are ready for them. They can come 100,000 strong, Father Abraham.

REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES.

The recent reduction in rates on the part of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road cannot but prove beneficial to farmers and shippers all along the line. The deduction is ten per cent. on merchandise westward bound, and on eastward bound grain in a like manner. The rate from Wichita to Kansas City was formerly 26 cents, now it is 21, and from other points at about the same ratio.

\$6.25 PER ACRE.

Mrs. Nannie E. Wright, of Washington, D. C., has sold 169 acres of land, one and a half miles north-west of Dodge City for the sum of \$1,000. The purchasers were M. Coliar and F. C. Zimmerman, each purchasing 80 acres. There are but few improvements on the land. We should say this was encouraging to the embryo farmer and to any one holding a claim for a "stake."

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Fred Singer celebrated her birthday last Thursday. A large number of friends were present to partake of the excellent dinner and wish Mrs. Singer many more such pleasant birthdays. Mr. and Mrs. Singer are a genial couple, and all who enjoyed their hospitality on this occasion will not soon forget them. "May they live long and prosper," were the sentiments of the guests.

SPIRIT COMMUNICATION.

"Sitting Bull" and old "Big Thunder" have broken away from the reservation of reason, and are on the war-path in District No. 2. They have destroyed the District Board, in a horn, and swear by the point of their scalping knives and all the bloody scalps they have ever taken, that they will tear down the school house and tote it off—in a horn. O. K.

OFFERLE, KAN., Aug. 23.

BENEFIT BALL.

A grand ball will be given at the Court House Tuesday night, September 3d, for the benefit of Charley Lawson. Mr. Lawson was wounded in the hand some months ago, and he wishes to seek further surgical attendance. This benefit is for the purpose of meeting the expenses which will be incurred. We know the generous and whole-souled people of Dodge City will respond liberally. The tickets to the ball will be only \$1. The music will be furnished by Beeson's orchestra, and everybody in Dodge knows that is good music.

SPEAREVILLE.

To the Editor of the TIMES:

We were again visited with a beautiful rain, which was very acceptable, as it will cause the ground to work up nicer, enabling the farmers to put in their wheat in a better condition and with less work. Every thing indicates at present that an immense wheat crop will be planted this fall, where last year the country was uninhabited, and laid unbroken, and supposed to be an unproductive and rainless region. The samples taken to Topeka this week by W. V. Johnson, of the different grain and vegetables, need not to be seen to vanish all doubts and dispel all fears in that direction.

That scourge of the western country that has been called the historical hyphen, has been flying over from the east to west by the million, the past three days, but his hoppership has been at a great height, and none lighting as yet.

Our first excursion is expected in 10-day from Cincinnati, Ohio. From what can be learned from reports we may expect quite a large crowd.

A considerable amount of building is being done at present. Mr. Writtemhouse's new residence on Avenue A, is enclosed and presents a neat appearance.

Mr. John Thauer's new restaurant and billiard hall will soon be open to the public. It is large and commodious and well finished.

The Center House has a new porch in front that adds greatly to its appearance. Also the Hack saloon, Mr. Henry Bradley, has a similar addition to his building.

Mr. J. McCollister has finally succeeded in getting his claim jumped out of his claim. How long he stays away will depend, no doubt, upon how close Mac stays at home. Our advice would be for him to hold the fort and stay on the claim.

Mr. Williamson and lady and Mrs. La Brand, from Shuman City, were in the city today.

Miss Rosa Miller, niece of S. F. Nelson, left for the east last night.

Mr. Wilkinson has entirely recovered from his recent severe illness.

The Rev. Huudeck left yesterday for his home in Rush county. He intends coming back here and staying part of his time, after he builds his house on his claim in Rush.

The wife and family of K. B. Fry arrived this morning, and Bob is happy.

"Squire Vanvorhis is doing a thriving business in both drugs and law."

The Enterprise is dead—gone. It comes no more. Its editor has gone to farming and resumed the practice of law. This is reliable—it is a fact. I went and interviewed the editor and found out all of the facts. I don't think he will go back on it, nor do I believe he will write a card to all the papers denying the statement. But the News—the Spearville News, has made its appearance, and is pronounced by all to be a paper that meets the approbation of all. We hope Mr. Burns will succeed and continue to publish a paper that will deserve the support of all the people, which we have no doubt he will. SPEAREVILLE, KAN., Aug. 28, 1878. ZAB.

PERSONAL.

James C. Connor went East Wednesday night. James H. Crossman, of Meade county, was in the city Thursday.

B. F. York, of Fort Griffin, Texas, and of the firm of York, Haddler & Draper, is in the city.

J. M. Day, a large cattle dealer, gave us a call Wednesday. He is a good man.

J. H. Blythe, Assistant County Attorney of Leavenworth, was in Dodge Wednesday.

J. H. Phillips, formerly railroad agent at this place, accompanied by his wife, left for Hills Sunday last. Mr. Phillips will return shortly.

S. S. Dickinson and Thos. Collins were in the city Sunday and left for Meade county, where they expect to locate lands.

The following Spearvillians were in Dodge Sunday: Dr. H. M. Clark, C. Samuels, J. M. Tyler and Otto Miller.

John Cimp, one of the heaviest stock men from Texas this season, has concluded his business here and will return home to Wilson county Texas, in a few days. He is one of that class our city always welcomes, and we are glad to know that he intends returning next season.

HUNTING DOGS.

A. B. Webster's fine Irish setter slut, Pearl, was returned Sunday morning, from Hillsdale, Mich., where she has been bred to the fine dog Champion Rufus, owned by Arnold Burges, of the above named place. Prairie chickens and other kinds of game are becoming abundant, and there is practical utility in obtaining fine hunting dogs. From the Chicago Field we gather the following:

PEARL—RUFUS.—Mr. A. B. Webster's (Dodge City, Kan.) Pearl to Mr. Burges' Champion Rufus.

Champion Rufus, Irish, deep red, no white, by Trench's slut, out of Trench's Linda, one of the best bred and handsomest dogs in the country, and winner of nine prizes in England and America, including the Irish championship at New York.

KANSAS CROPS.

We have received from Hon. Alfred Gray, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, a table showing the increase and decrease in the acreage of the various crops in 1878 over 1877. The total acreage in 1877 was 5,595,304.99; in 1878, 6,578,727.85; increase, 1,167,809.63; decrease of acreage in certain crops, 224,386.77; net increase, 943,322.86; per cent. of increase, 16.86. The increase of acreage in winter wheat was 440,430; spring wheat, 226,389; decrease in acreage in corn, 159,630; increase in oats, 133,963.

Old Tice makes his letter "S" just like his letter "P." So when he wrote we were going to have a "solar wave," the compositor all over the country spelled it "polar," and that's where the mistake came in.

The Chronoscope is now the official paper of Pawnee county.

Will you subscribe for a goat?